ONE YEAR AGO
WOMEN
SHE TO-TALLY GROSSES ME OUT...
MAKE SURE TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR-SELF...
...HACHIKO!
IT'S HILAR-IOUS THAT SHE EATS HER LUNCH IN THE BATH-ROOM♡
IF YOU LIKE IT SO MUCH, WHY DON'T YOU JUST STAY THERE?
THE EYES REFLECTED IN THE MIRROR...
...WERE SUNKEN LIKE THOSE OF A SICK GOLD-FISH.
...MEH.
IT DOESN'T REALLY HAVE ANY-THING TO DO WITH ME.
I HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO HELP HER, SO WHY SHOULD I CARE?

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(LU'IN THEME SONG)
?!
FRIGGIN' PUPPY GIRL!
NONE OF THIS "LET'S GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER" CRAP!
WHEN DID THIS BE-COME A SHOJO MANGA?!
...THE HECK KIND OF TIME IS THIS FOR-
?
GEH!
MISSION ALARM
Operation Puppy Chauffeur

OHH...
QUIT SCREWIN' AROUND.
...RIGHT...
I'M FREE NOW.

キョウハクDOGS

KYOHAKU-DOG's

-Another Secret-

Chapter 3
HAVE A NICE DOG

SO ANYWAY, PEACE AND FREEDOM RETURNED.
I COULD GO TO SCHOOL AT MY OWN PACE...
本日発売
BOOKS
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WHOA!
THE PREMIUM EDITION OF "SWEET KLUTZ AKI"!
TO FIND THIS AT A BOOK STORE OUT IN THE STICKS IS...
...AND DO WHATEVER I FELT LIKE.
VIVA MY PRECIOUS NORMAL ROUTINE!
IT IS 500 YEN
I GUESS THAT PUPPY GIRL IS FINALLY...
...OUT OF MY LIFE...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PURCHASE.
CHIYO AND HIS DOLLY♡
THE PHOTO!!!
LET'S REWIND A BIT.
IF YOU WANNA TELL ME PHONE TELL EM PLAY YOUR SLAVE GAMES BY YOURSELF
KEIJI SENDAI, W-WAIT A SECOND!
AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING SUPER IMPORTANT?
THIS, THEN THAT ...
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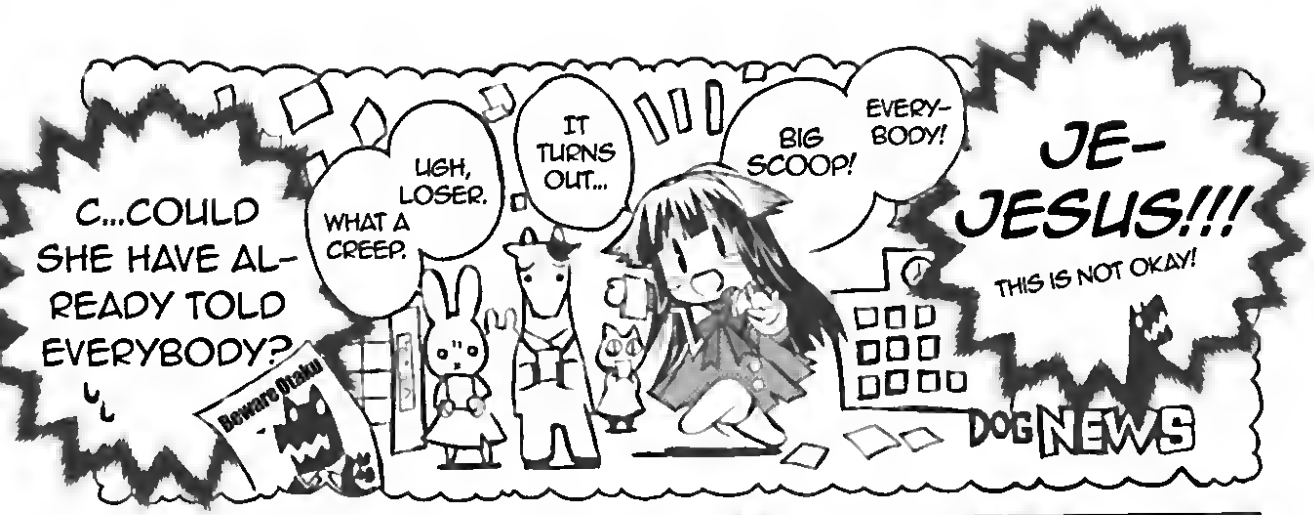

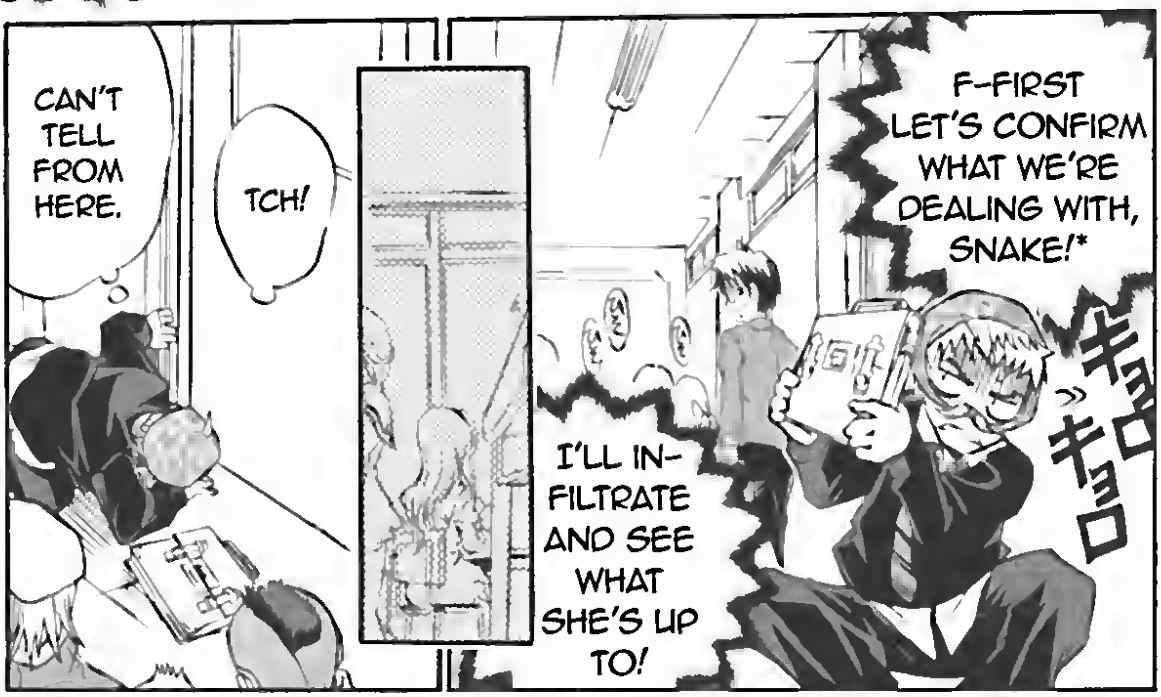

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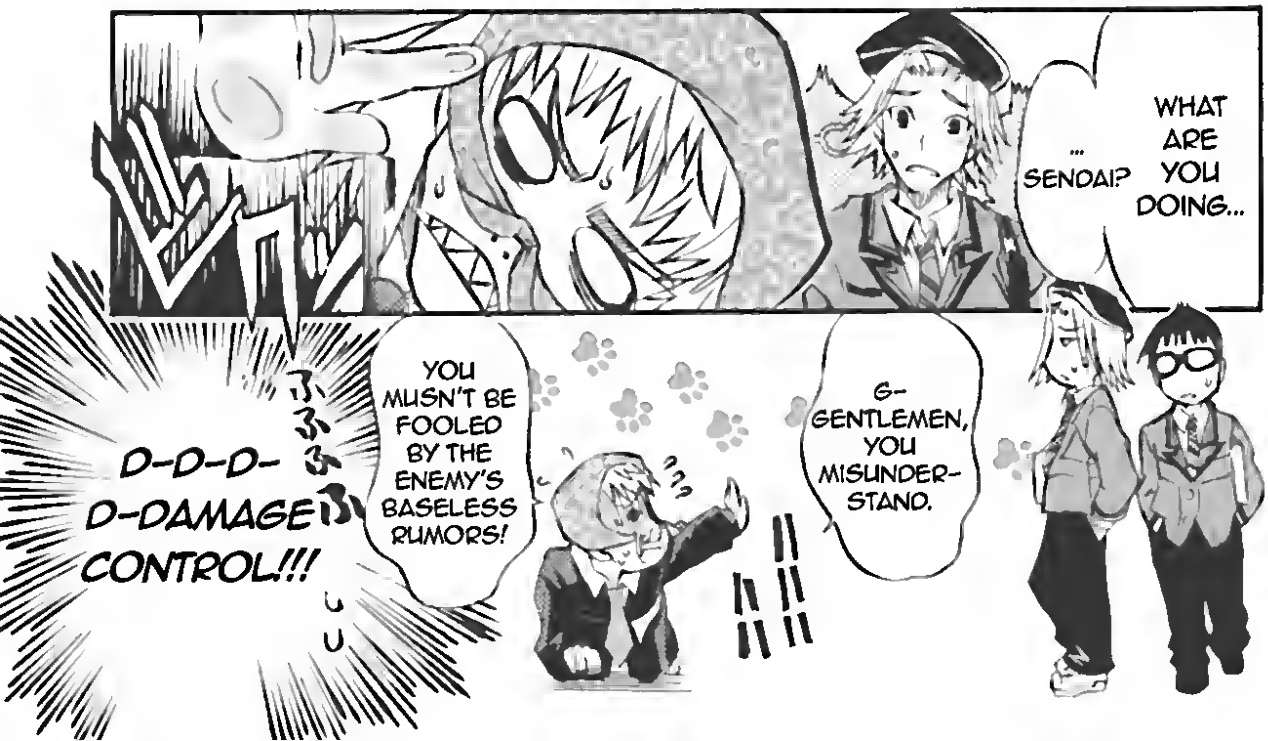

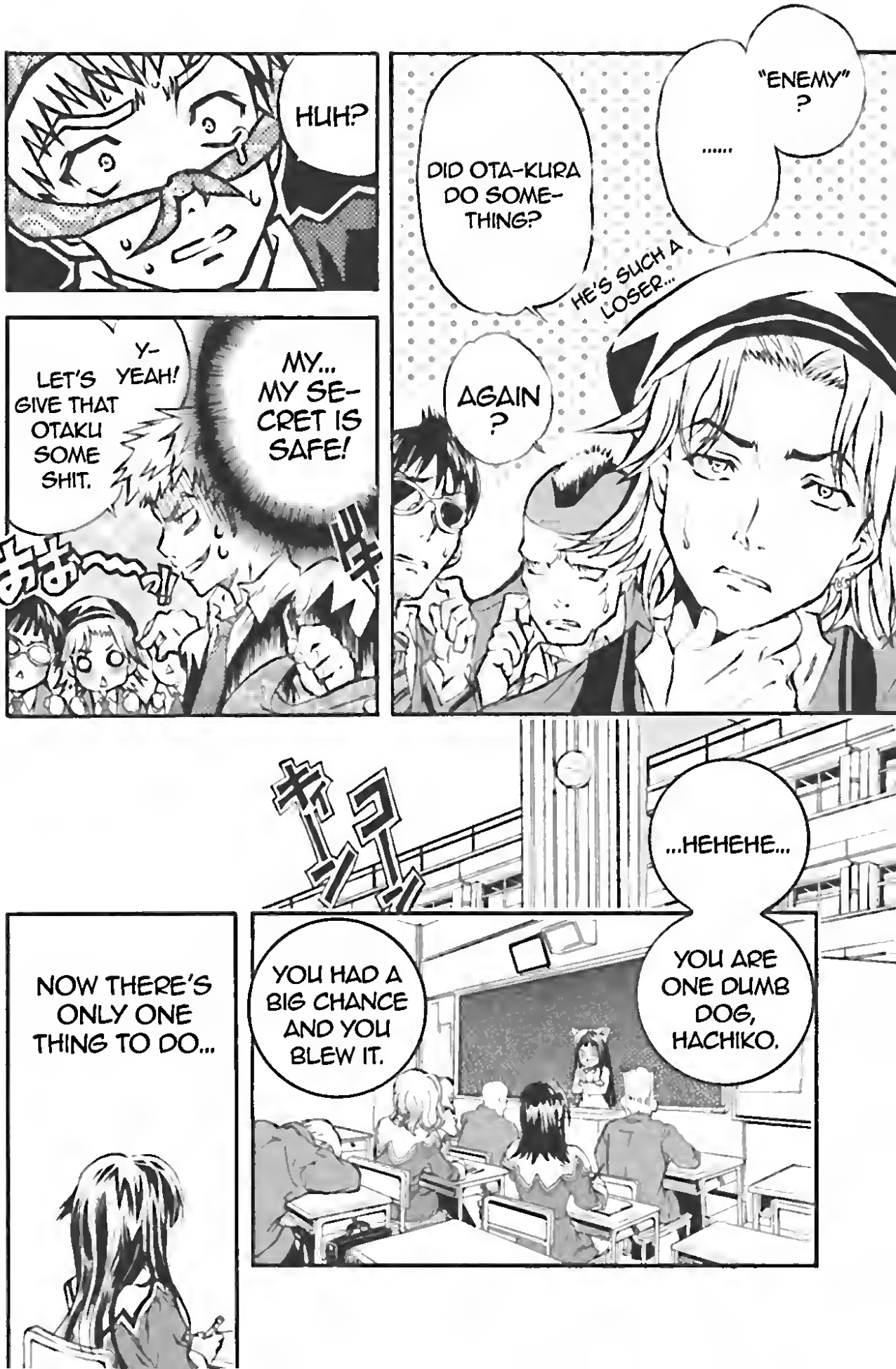
HUH?
"ENEMY"
?
.....
DID OTA-KURA DO SOME-THING?
HE'S SUCH A LOSER...
AGAIN
?
MY... MY SE-CRET IS SAFE!
Y-YEAH!
LET'S GIVE THAT OTAKU SOME SHIT.
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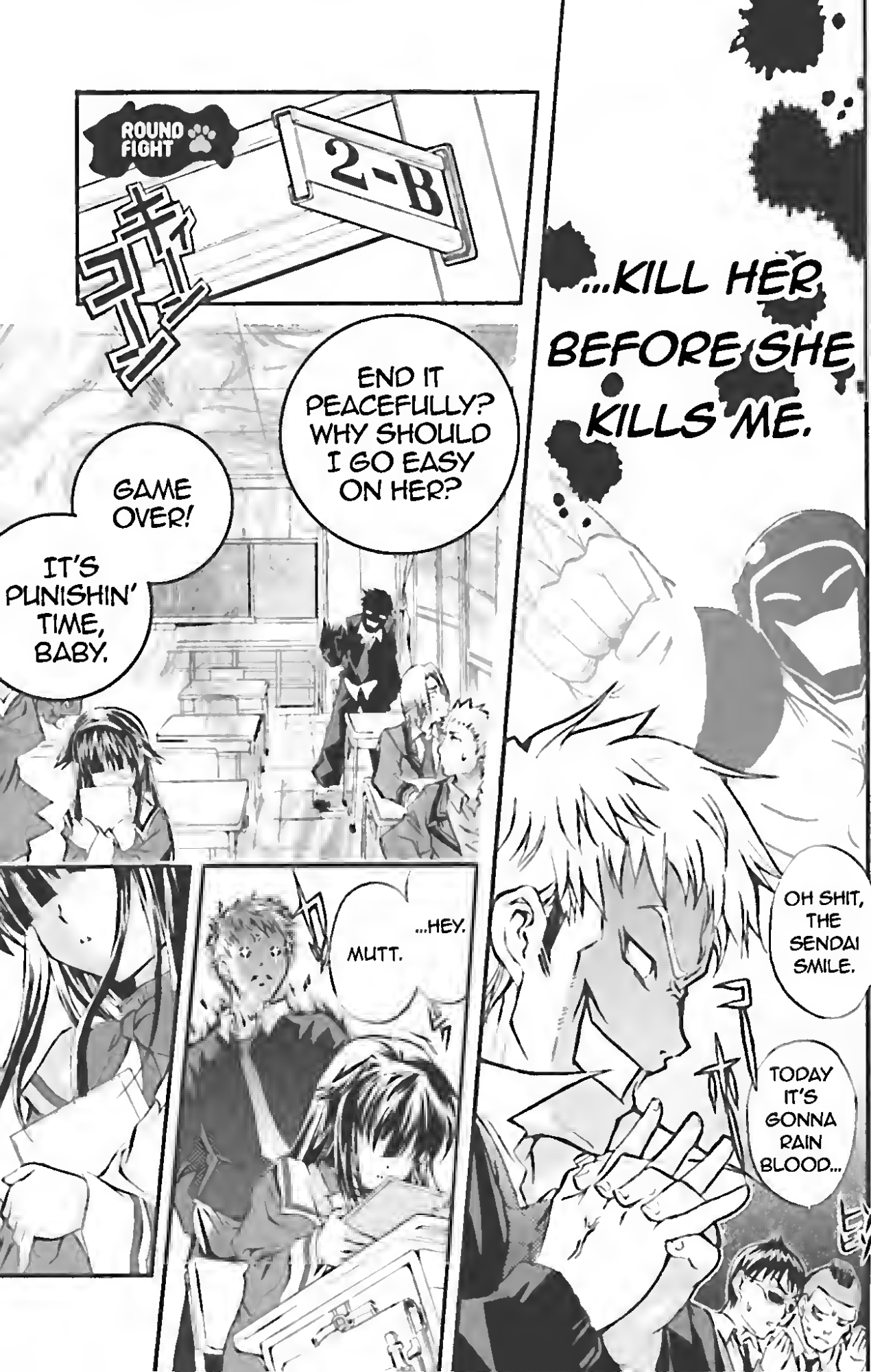
キュ～ン
...HEHEHE...
YOU HAD A BIG CHANCE AND YOU BLEW IT.
YOU ARE ONE DUMB DOG, HACHIKO.
NOW THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...


ROUND FIGHT
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...KILL HER BEFORE SHE KILLS ME.
END IT PEACEFULLY? WHY SHOULD I GO EASY ON HER?
GAME OVER!
IT'S PUNISHIN' TIME, BABY.
...HEY. MUTT.
OH SHIT, THE SENDAI SMILE.
TODAY IT'S GONNA RAIN BLOOD...

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WAIT A MIN-
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I'M DIS-APPOINT-ED IN SENDAI...
さわ...
さわ...
LOVER'S QUAR-REL?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
!
MIS-TREATMENT OF ANI-MALS...
WHO IS BAD?
HUH? I'M THE VICTIM AND THE PERP IS...
W-

WAIT THE FRIG UP, DAMMIT!!!
AH. SHE RAN AWAY.
RAPE?
ARE THEY ELOPING?
GOTTA BE THE FORMER!
OBVIOUSLY.
GOD, WHY THE HELL DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
AND SHOULDN'T SHE BE APOLOGIZING?
I GOTTA JUST CATCH...
CATCH...
CATCH...
...

INTERVAL
I CAN'T CATCH HER.
STARTLED... DOG
SHE DISAPPEARS OFF SOMEWHERE DURING BREAK...
STARTLED HARE
AHHHHH, I FORGOT TO BUY LUNCH...
...DOES IT REALLY MATTER?
I CAN'T BELIEVE I COULDN'T CATCH UP TO HER...
N-
NICE HUSTLE.
KONBU TEA, YOUR FAVORITE.
SHE'S CALLIN' YOU "CHIYO" 'N SHIT, RIGHT?
SHE HAS GOTTEN PRETTY UPPITY LATELY...
YOU GOT THE HOTS FOR HACHIKO? THAT'S SO LAME...
IT WOULD SUCK IF THAT'S WHAT THEY THOUGHT.

DO I CARE? THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

I MEAN, IT'S JUST GROSS THAT SHE'S ALL PERKY NOW.
PEEPS BASICALLY PRETENDED SHE DIDN'T EXIST.
SHE WAS SUPER DARK AND NEVER TALKED.

TO ME, SHE'S JUST A TROUBLE-MAKER, NO MORE, NO LESS.

ONLY I CAN TALK SHIT ABOUT HER.
YOU GOT A PROB-LEM...
GENTLE-MEN.
...WITH MY MAS-TER?
...PISS ME OFF.
N-NOT AT ALL!
THESE GUYS KINDA...
LADY HACHIKO IS THE BEST!
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...WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
MY MASTER...
...SAID A WISE MAN CALLED NOBUNAGA ASAKURA.
"SHOWING CONCERN IS THE FIRST STEP TO LOVE"...
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ANYWAYS.

I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN...
I GUESS AN AM- BUSH?
FIRST THINGS FIRST, I GOTTA CATCH HER.
OKAY EVERY- BODYYY

Let's reveal your secrets
あなたのヒミツ♥暴きます
EVERYONE PUT YOUR BAG ON YOUR DESK...
...BUT WE'RE GOING TO INSPECT YOUR BE- LONGINGS.
*POP-INSPECTIONS LIKE THESE ARE ACTUALLY CAR- RIED OUT.
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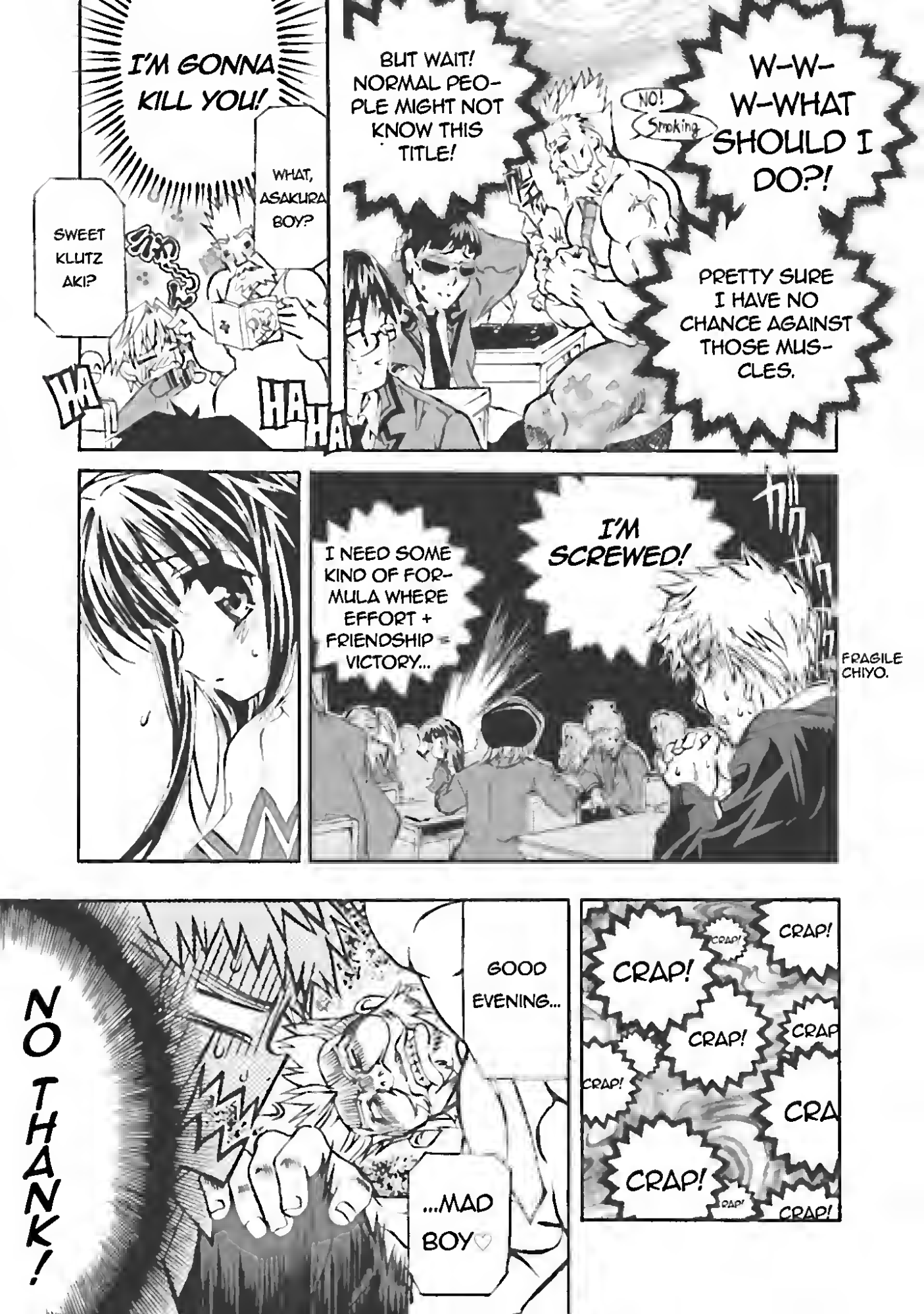
I HAVE CIGA- RETTES...
IS SHE SERI- OUS?!
OH SHIT!!

UGH-GH-GH-GH! ANY DAY BUT TODAY!
I BOUGHT THAT PREMIUM EDITION OF "SWEET KLUTZ AKI" THIS MORNING!
YOUR GORGEOUS TEACHER MS. KAMISHIRO WILL CHECK THE GIRLS'.
BOYS...
VIOLENCE ISN'T THE ANSWER, BUT I'LL DO WHAT IT TAKES...
...YOU'RE LIKE WILD BEASTS AND IT WOULDN'T DO FOR YOUR GORGEOUS TEACHER TO BE ASSAULTED, SO...
HI THERE.
THE ENGLISH TEACHER MR. GAGARIN...
...WILL CHECK YOURS.
SHIT, HE'S PROBABLY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RANK.
I HEARD HE'S A FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER!
I BET HE'S KILLED 100 PEOPLE WITH HIS BARE HANDS...
WIMP!


I'M GONNA KILL YOU!
WHAT, ASAKURA BOY?
SWEET KLUTZ AKI?
HA
HA
HA
BUT WAIT! NORMAL PEOPLE MIGHT NOT KNOW THIS TITLE!
NO! Smoking
W-W-W-WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
PRETTY SURE I HAVE NO CHANCE AGAINST THOSE MUSCLES.
I NEED SOME KIND OF FORMULA WHERE EFFORT + FRIENDSHIP = VICTORY...
I'M SCREWED!
FRAGILE CHIYO.
NO THANK!
GOOD EVENING...
...MAD BOY♡
CRAP!
CRAP!
CRAP!
CRAP!
CRAP!
CRAP!
CRAP!
CRAP!
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CRAP!
CRAP!

MURDER BY SILENCE?
BADASS!
WOW, HE'S NOT BREAKING.
HARDCORE!
HEY, SENDAI'S IGNORING HIM!
HEY
WHAT'S WRONG, BOY?
TAKE OUT YOUR BAG.
UH...
MM...
HAHAHA
BIG USEFUL? GIRL!
OKAY, OKAY.
...GO TO...
M...
...
...MAY I...
...THE BATHROOM?

Happy Route♡
AH.

THIS IS "MOE" MANGA.

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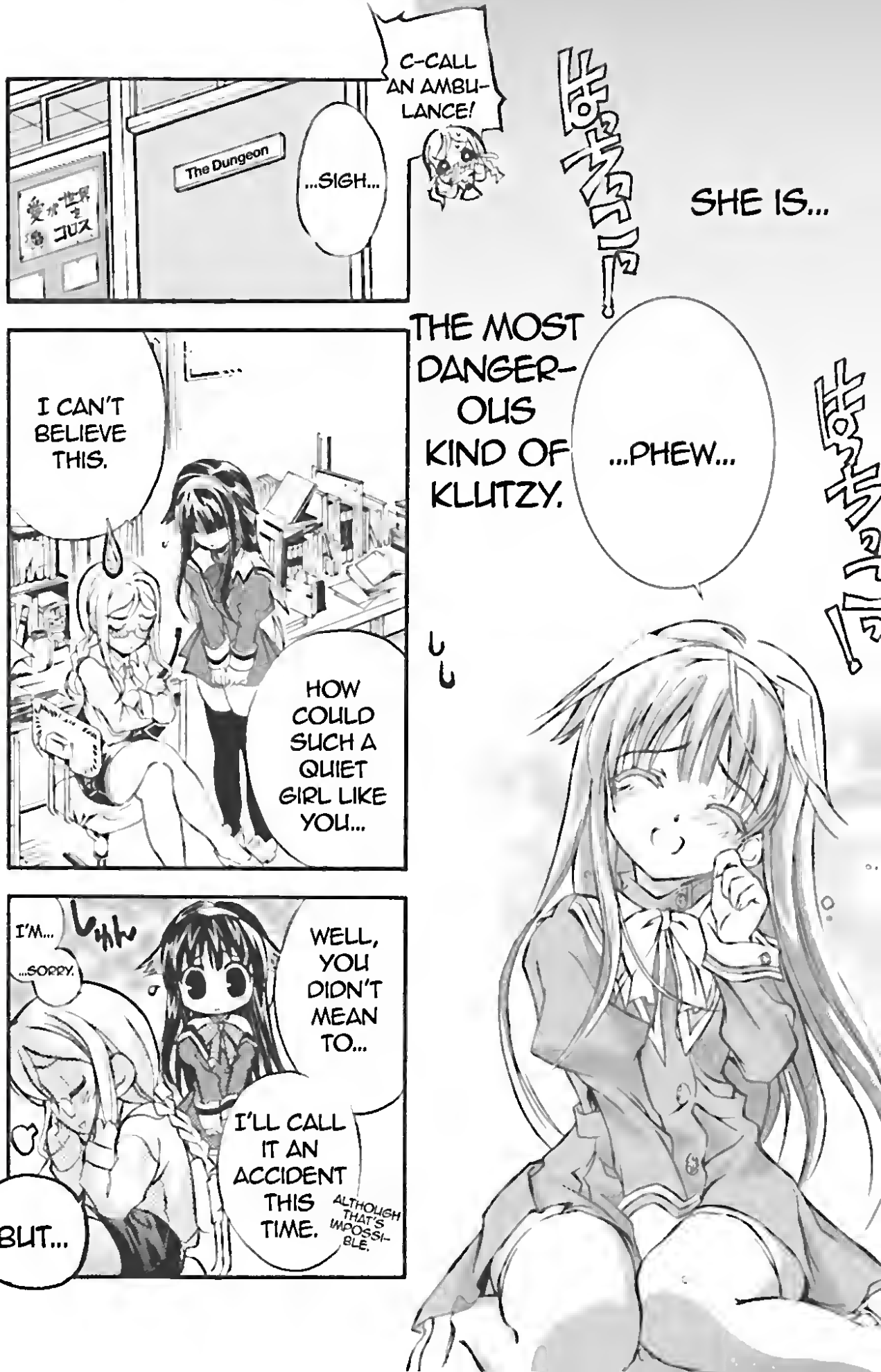
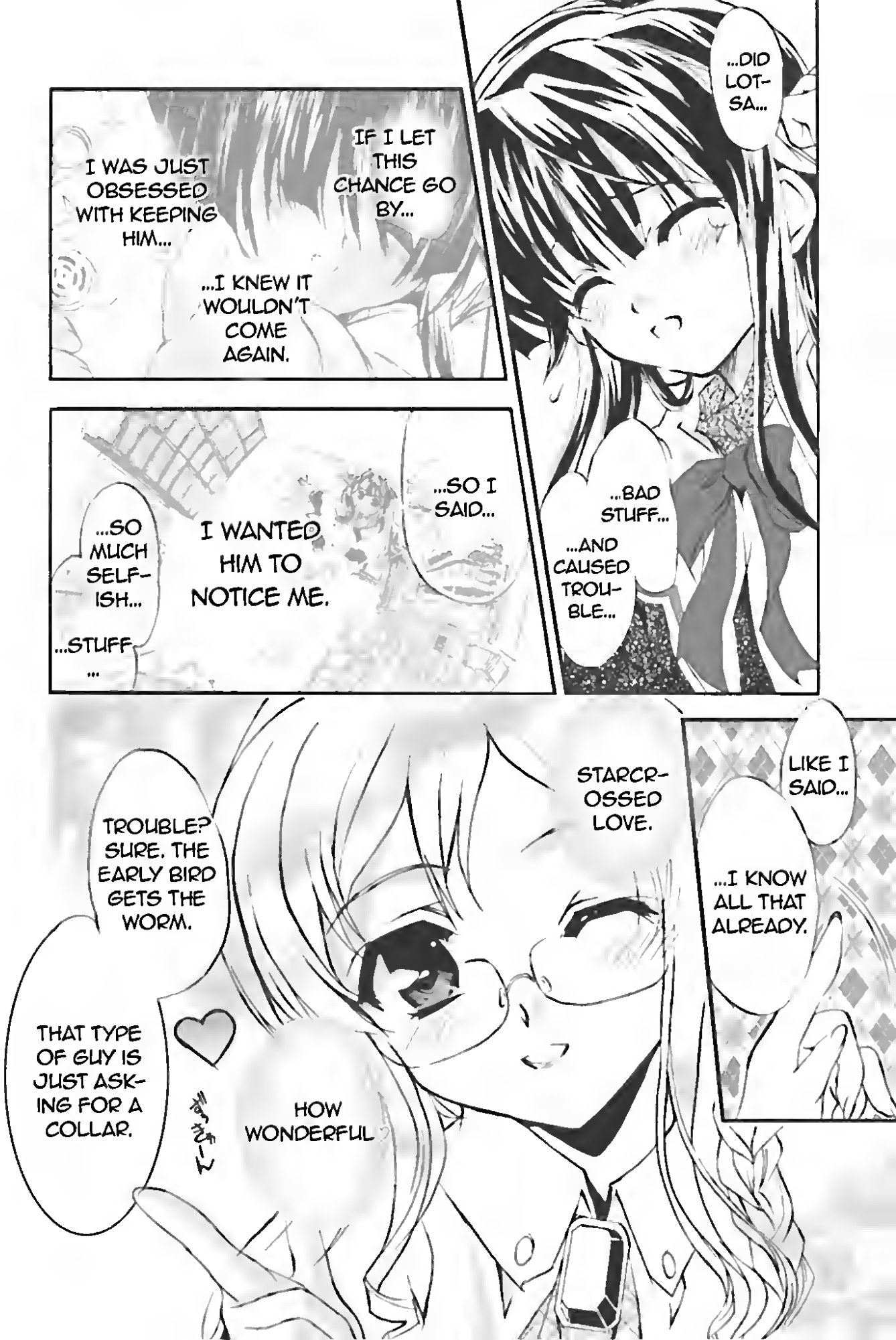
LADY HACHIKO IS THE BEST!
A FLIP KICK!
FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE!
WHOOOA!
...TO RECON-FIRM...
...SETSUNA YATSUSAKI IS NOT JUST KLUTZY.


C-CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!
The Dungeon
...SIGH...
SHE IS...
THE MOST DANGER-OUS KIND OF KLUTZY.
...PHEW...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.
HOW COULD SUCH A QUIET GIRL LIKE YOU...
WELL, YOU DIDN'T MEAN TO...
I'M... ...SORRY.
I'LL CALL IT AN ACCIDENT THIS TIME.
ALTHOUGH THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE.
BUT...

HACH...
I
DO
WON-DER,
...WHO YOU WERE...
...TRYING TO PRO-TECT...
...!
.....
...HE...
AL-READY HATED... ME...
...SO I...
STILL-HACHI AND SENDAI?
THAT'S PRET-TY OUT OF LEFT FIELD.
I KNOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT.
I'LL GET ALL FLUSTERED.
UH-HUH.
THE SPAR-KLE OF SPRING...
A QUIVER-ING, OR IS IT A TWIN-KLING?
AHH, YOUTH♡


...DID LOT-SA...
...BAD STUFF...
...AND CAUSED TROU-BLE...
I WAS JUST OBSESSED WITH KEEPING HIM...
IF I LET THIS CHANCE GO BY...
...I KNEW IT WOULDN'T COME AGAIN.
...SO I SAID...
I WANTED HIM TO NOTICE ME.
...SO MUCH SELF-ISH...
...STUFF...
LIKE I SAID...
...I KNOW ALL THAT ALREADY.
STARCR-OSSED LOVE.
TROUBLE? SURE. THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM.
THAT TYPE OF GUY IS JUST ASK-ING FOR A COLLAR.
HOW WONDERFUL
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RECOMMENDED BY A TOP BREEDER.
YOU'LL BE OKAY!
YOU'RE CUTE.
オホホ♥
C'MERE.
I'LL TEACH YOU A SECRET SPELL.
OH!
WOOOOW
WAH!
KNOCK HIS SOCKS OFF, YOUNG MAIDEN
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E... EXCUSE...
...ME.

パク パク
.....
.....
パク パク
パク パク
NICE TEAM. DOG GIRL. MAD BOY.
A WORD FROM YOUR COMMAND-ER...
THAT IS ALL.
TAKE YOUR TIME
シャッ
OHHH, IT'S YOU TWO.
NO FLIRTING IN THE HALL...
ガラッ!

...HE-HEHE...
HE...
YIKES.
NN?
HUH?
...I MIGHT NEVER BE BORED.
DO... DO I...
WITH HER AROUND...
NAH.
HAVE SOME-THING... ON MY... ... FACE?
WAS JUST THINKING WHAT A WEIRD DOG YOU ARE.
LICK

...MAKES TWO OF US♡
...THAT...
...IS WHAT I MADE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING.
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"TELL EVERY-BODY"?
I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU HAD.
WE SPLIT UP...
...ON SUCH BAD TERMS YESTER-DAY...
ARE YOU SERI-OUS?!
D-DIDN'T EVEN CROSS MY MIND!

I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T ACTUALLY WANT... ...TO CAUSE YOU TROUBLE.
I JUST... ...LACKED GUTS.
I WAS NEVER PLANNING TO TELL.
EVEN IN THE BEGINNING...
...
...THAT I GOT A LITTLE GREEDY...
BUT YOU WERE SUCH A GOOD PERSON COMPARED TO THE RUMORS...
...THAT THEY WON'T GIVE UP.
EVERYBODY HAS THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM...
CHI... CHIYO!
HUH? WHO'S THAT GIRL...?
A ROMANTIC RENDEZVOUS? NOW?!
OH, IT'S SENDAI
I'M A "GOOD PERSON"?
WELL, WHATEVER. I'LL GET THE PHOTOS BACK FOR A HAPPY EN-

THIS IS A BIT OUT OF NOWHERE!
HEY... HEH, HEY, STUPID!
THIS WAY!
WH-WHAT!
TH...
I'LL MAKE...
...THINGS RIGHT!
SIGHHH...
...YOU'VE BEEN DRAG-GIN' ME AROUND ALL DAY.
THIS IS THE LAST TIME...
SORRY...
...ABOUT THAT...
?
...PROP-ERLY...
...SO I WANTED TO THANK YOU...

"WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE GETTING PICKED ON?"
"DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?"
I KEPT GOING OVER THE SAME QUES-TIONS IN MY HEAD...
BECAUSE I'M "OB-NOX-IOUS"...
...I WASN'T ABLE TO FIT IN AS A FRESH-MAN...
...AND EVERY-ONE HATED ME...
HEHE...
YOU DON'T REMEM-BER, HUH, CHIYO.
YOU...
...HELPED ME OUT...
THEN...
...ONE DAY...

.....
WAIT UP!
YEAH, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HIT ROCK BOTTOM.
...ME?
I KNOW IT'S BETWEEN YOU GIRLS...
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO GET INVOLVED, AND EVEN IF DID SOMETHING IT WOULDN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
BUT, ERR...
THERE'S THIS CARD GAME I LIKE.
IN IT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN THE WEAKEST SLAVE CARD CAN DEFEAT THE KING.
.....

"WHAT IS THIS GUY TALKING ABOUT?"
AT FIRST I THOUGHT ...
"WHAT A WEIRDO."
EVEN YOU...
...CAN DEFEAT THE KING!
BUT THOSE WORDS...
...INSPIRED ME.
I FELT LIKE MAYBE...
...I COULD MAKE A CHANGE.

I COULD QUIT BEING "HACHIKO," WHO JUST SITS AND WAITS...
...AND BECOME SETSUNA YATSUSAKI, WHO TAKES CHARGE.

SO...
CHIYO...
I ONLY TALKED TO HER ON A WHIM.
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY REAL INTEREST IN WHAT HAP-PENED TO HER.
I WANTED TO CHANGE.
I OWE YOU...
...FOR BACK THEN.

THAT'S ALL JUST...
SHE REAL-LY...
...BLEW THAT OUT OF PRO-POR-TION.
...THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE YOU IS YOU.
IT'S ALWAYS THE CASE THAT...
...YOUR CREEPY, OBNOXIOUS FANTASY!
I GUESS SINCE THIS IS IT...
?
...I WON'T BE SEE-ING YOU ANYMORE.
WELL, THEN. SEE YA...
Delete?
YES
NO
.....
...WELL, IF THIS IS RE-ALLY THE END OF IT, IT DOESN'T MATTER...

I'LL TAKE...
...ONE LAST ORDER.
YIKES!
O-OH...
GODDESS-LIKE WISH??
THOSE I RE-FUSE!
...NOTHING INVOLVING PHYSICAL PAIN OR LONG-TERM CONDI-TIONS.
O... OKAY...
BUT...
S...
SIT, CHIYO!
HUH?

THIS IS A FAIL-SAFE STRATEGY♡
"DISTRACT YOUR OPPONENT AND DECIDE THE BATTLE IN A SPLIT SECOND."
.....
... EHE HE...
GUESS I...
... DID IT...
...AS FOR THIS...
AND...
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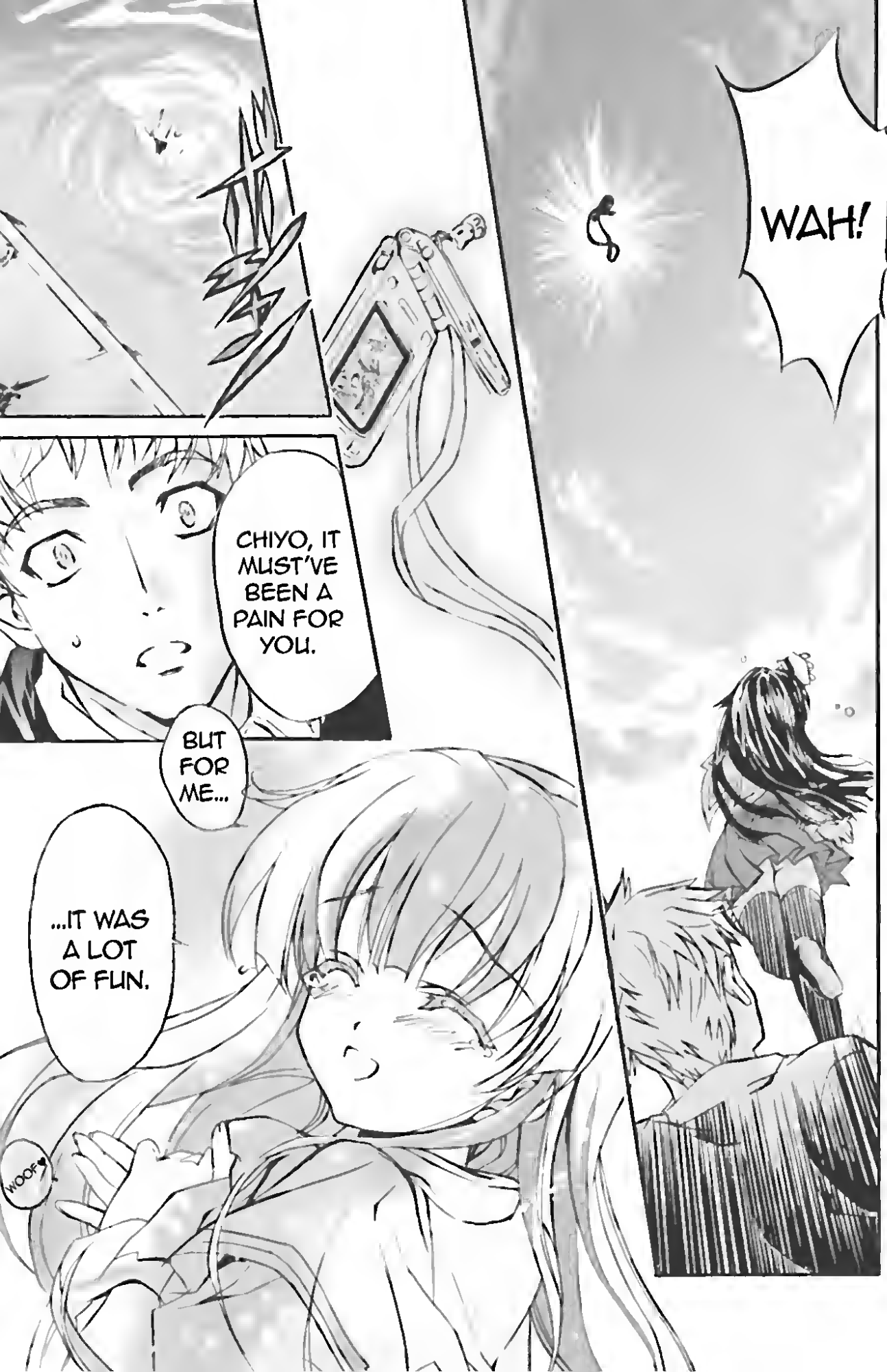
WAH!
CHIYO, IT MUST'VE BEEN A PAIN FOR YOU.
BUT FOR ME...
...IT WAS A LOT OF FUN.
WOOF♥

JUST
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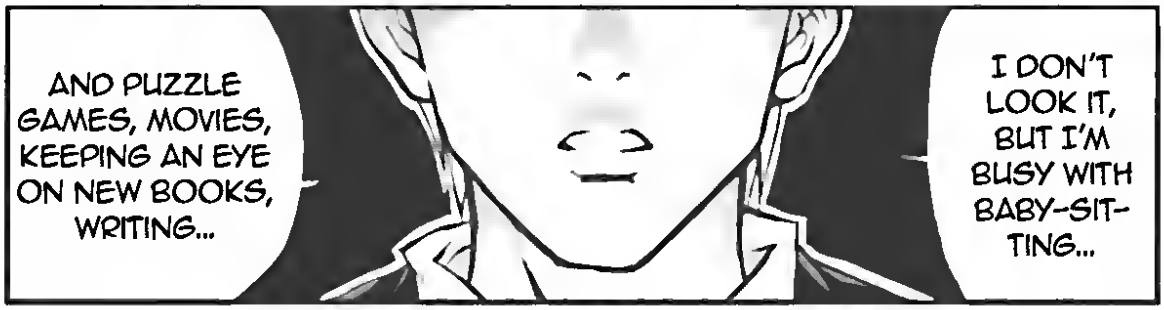
ME
!
HA HA HA
I... I...
...CAN'T EVEN STAND ...
SHE
SIT.



"I OWE YOU...FOR BACK THEN."

WATER
CHIYO
JESUS!
*BE GOOD AND DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME.
Blackmail Committee
TEARS IN GOG-GLES!
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J-

NEXT MORNING
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THOUGHT ABOUT IT THERE WAS NO RIGHT ANSWER.
THE ONLY THING I KNEW FOR SURE WAS THAT IT MADE NO SENSE.
WH...
DARUMA
DANDY
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WHAT'S THE MATTER?
IS THAT...
HE GAINED WEIGHT.
...SUPPOSED TO BE FASHION...
?
YOU COULD SAY I DOVE INTO THE RIVER STYX...
I... IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL, YOU SHOULD STAY HOME AND REST...
GET...
...ON!

...YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE ME TO SCHOOL ANYMORE...
...UMM...
SENDAI, YOU'RE FREE NOW.
CHIYO- I MEAN...
—
"CHIYO"...
...IS FINE.
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YOU KNOW...
...HOW...
BUT...
THERE'S NO SECRET...
...OR ANYTHING, ANYMORE.
...MY SECRET NICKNAME, RIGHT?
HUH?
IT'S...

WELL ...
...THIS SUPER COOL POOCH...
MY HAND JUST SLIPPED.
WATER-PROOF
...MADE A SUPER CATCH.
...FETCH THINGS THEIR OWNERS THROW?
...CLEVER DOGGIES...
NICE CATCH
THIS IS HOW...
HERE ...
HOLD ON TO THIS...
...US TWO DOGS...
...MASTER.

...ME AND SETSUNA YATSUSAKI, MET.
...OKAY...
...CHIYO!
DON'T TALK...
...WHILE BLOWING YOUR NOSE.
I'M SO HAPPY...